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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ON MINIATURE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS

REFS: (A) THE HAGUE A-133

(B) THE HAGUE 2820

(C) STATE 89719

1. MFA NATO/WEU DIVISION HAS ASKED FOR EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING REPLY TO NEW SERIES OF
PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO DEFMIN VREDELING
AND FONMIN VAN DER STOEL ON JULY 16 AS RESULT OF RECENT
CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY BY AEC OFFICIAL CONCERNING
ALLEGED US PLANS TO DEPLOY "MINI-NUCS" IN EUROPE. MFA
OFFICER ASKED FOR UPDATE OF INFO EMBASSY PROVIDED PER
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PARA 4 REF C IN CONNECTION WITH RESPONSE VREDELING MADE

TO EARLIER QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT JUNE 21 (REFS A AND B). AS VREDELING MUST RESPOND TO QUESTIONS BY AUGUST 31, MFA OFFICER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INFO SOONEST. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY RADICAL PARTY MP'S WALTMAINS AND DE GAAY FORTMAN, JR. IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) DOES THE GOVERNMENT KNOW THAT, ACCORDING TO A REPORT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REPLACE THE PRESENT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE BY A SMALLER, MORE ACCURATE TYPE, THE SO-CALLED "MININUKES"?

(B) ARE OUR ALLIES AWARE OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO TRY TO PLACE THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF EUROPE ON THE AGENDA OF THE MBFR-NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA, AND IF SO, WHAT WAS THE REACTION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT?

(C) NOW THAT THE PLANS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BECOME PUBLIC, ARE THE MINISTERS ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS 3, 5 AND 6 OF THE SERIES OF QUESTIONS ASKED THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE ON MAY 14? (SEE REF A).

(D) IS THE GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE NATO-ALLIES TO EXPRESS ITS CONCERN OVER A POSSIBLE LOWERING OF THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD IN EUROPE?
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